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Association

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure, WT Docket No. 16-421; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Access to Private Land Mobile Radio Spectrum, WP Docket No. 16-261; Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, GN Docket No. 17-83; Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 1, 2017, Jonathan Adelstein, President and CEO of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)¹ met with Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairman Ajit Pai and discussed the above-captioned proceedings.

Consistent with its comments in the above-captioned proceedings, WIA emphasized the importance of the FCC's current efforts to reduce regulatory barriers to wireless infrastructure deployment and the opportunity to encourage investment in innovative 5G services and Internet of Things (IoT) solutions.

WIA encouraged Chairman Pai to continue the focused effort within these open proceedings and to continue coordinating with the newly created Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee to enhance capacity on 4G networks and spur the deployment of next-generation 5G networks. To provide the connectivity necessary to meet exponentially

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA's over 230 members include carriers, infrastructure providers, and professional services firms.

increasing data demands, WIA discussed expediting the deployment of small cell infrastructure within the public right-of-way so long as the equipment met defined height and volume limitations to maintain a responsible and transparent foundation in infrastructure deployment.

WIA explained how streamlining wireless infrastructure siting regulations would help increase connectivity on Tribal lands. He urged the Commission to adopt measures to streamline Tribal review and consultation processes that have resulted in a few tribes imposing excessive fees and unreasonable delays for wireless infrastructure projects across the country.

WIA also urged the FCC to eliminate the need to undergo additional historic preservation review for compound expansion within certain parameters.

Consistent with WIA's comments in the above-captioned docket,² WIA explained the importance of efforts to improve access to 800 MHz Expansion Band (EB) and Guard Band (GB) channels through open access policies that will maximize use of this spectrum for the benefit of the public. He emphasized that the Commission should encourage competition in the EB and GB channels by continuing policies that do not give incumbent operators priority access to available EB or GB channels, which could bar new entrants and deter innovation.

Lastly, WIA stressed the need for a stable regulatory environment that encourages wireless industry investment by establishing long-term regulatory certainty in its Restoring Internet Freedom proceeding.

² Reply Comments of the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WP Docket No. 16-261, (filed Dec. 22, 2016).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter will be filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zach Champ", written in a cursive style.

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